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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BRASILIA, CAIRO,
HELSINKI, JAKARTA, MANILA, TUNIS, WARSAW, WELLINGTON,
EC BRUSSELS AND OECD PARIS FROM USMISSION GENEVA 13 NOV
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION; NOTE ADDITION OF CAPTION:

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TAGS: GATT, ETRD
SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL NOVEMBER 21

NEXT GATT COUNCIL MEETING CONFIRMED FOR MORNING NOVEMBER 21.
AGENDA ANNOUNCED IN GATT/AIR/1238 BEING POUCHED WASHINGTON
NORMAL DISTRIBUTION NOV. 13. FOLLOWING ITEMS ON AGENDA.

1. BRAZIL-INCREASE OF BOUND DUTIES - REQUEST FOR WAIVER.
DOCUMENTS ARE L/RQOQ OF 1 JULY 1975, ADD. 1 OF 26 SEPT.
AND C/W/265 OF 30 OCT. C/W/265 POUCHED NOVEMBER 3.
HANDLING WILL DEPEND ON OUTCOME U.S. DEMARCHE IN
STATE 266158

2. INDONESIA-RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE - REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF WAIVER. L/4248 OF 11 NOV. POUCHED NOV. 14;
C/W/269 NOT RELEASED YET. INDONESIA RECEIVED NOV. 13,
1973 WAIVER OF ART. 2 TO ALLOW IT TO APPLY RATES
IN TARIFF OF CUSTOM DUTY OF FEB. 1, 1973. AS ART. 28
CONSULTATIONS NOT COMPLETED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND
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TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES IN PREPARING FOR CONSULTATIONS,

INDONESIA REQUESTING VALIDITY OF WAIVER BE EXTENDED
FROM DEC. 31, 1975 TO DEC. 31, 1976. RECOMMEND
WE APPROVE EXTENSION.

3. AGREEMENT BETWEEN FINLAND AND GDR. L/4211 OF
28 AUG. FINLAND TABLED AGREEMENT UNDER ART. 24. COUNCIL
EXPECTED TO ESTABLISH WORKING PARTY UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP
TAN OF SINGAPORE. AS WE STATED OUR DOUBTS ABOUT AP-
PLICABILITY OF ART. 24 TO ASSOCIATIONS OF MARKET AND
NON-MARKET STATES AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING (GENEVA 8279
PARA 4) RECOMMEND WE ACCEPT FORMATION OF WP WITHOUT
COMMENTS.

4. COMMITTEE ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS -
REVIEW OF THE WORK OF COMMITTEE 1970-1974. L/4200
OF 18 JULY NOT RELEASED YET. AS THIS TOPIC WILL BE
TAKEN UP BY GROUP OF 18, NO DISCUSSION IN COUNCIL
EXPECTED. RECOMMEND WE APPROVE COUNCIL
TAKING NOTE OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

5. CONSULTATION ON TRADE WITH POLAND - REPORT OF
WORKING PARTY. L/4237 OF 5 NOV.
POUCHED NOV. 7. REPORT ACCURATELY REFLECTS WP DIS-
CUSSION INCLUDING U.S. VIEWS. RECOMMEND WE AGREE TO
COUNCIL TAKING NOTE.

6. COMMITTEE ON ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICES (L/4241) -
REPORT OF COMMITTEE. ASSUME REPORT AS AGREED TO AT
WP AND WE CAN TAKE NOTE. EC MAY USE ITEM AS OCCASION
FOR ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF CONCERN. ARE THERE ANY NEW
DEVELOPMENTS SINCE COMMITTEE MET ON WHICH WE SHOULD
HAVE GUIDANCE?

7. WORKING PARTY ON ACCEPTANCE OF ANTI-DUMPING CODE -
REPORT OF WORKING PARTY. L/4239 OF 4 NOV. POUCHED
NOV. 7. ASSUME WE CAN ALSO TAKE NOTE AS IN ITEM 6.

8. EGYPT - CONSOLIDATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TAX - REVIEW UNDER PARA 6 OF PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION.
L/4242 OF 5 NOV. NOT RELEASED YET. C/W/268 - TEXT OF
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DRAFT DECISION TO BE ISSUED NOV. 13. PARA 6 OF PROTOCOL
OF ACCESSION OF EGYPT (17 BISD PAGE 2) PERMITS EGYPT
TO MAINTAIN "CONSOLIDATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX"
UNTIL DEC. 31, 1975 BY WHICH TIME IT IS TO BE REVIEWED
BY CPS. L/4242 IS EGYPT'S NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO
MAINTAIN TAX FOR FIVE MORE YEARS BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIAL
FOR FINANCING SECOND FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT
PLAN ENDING IN 1980. WE HAVE NO COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

9. PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF PHILIPPINES. L/4245 OF 7 NOV. POUCHED NOV. 10. PHILIPPINES HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRATION OF ITS PROVISIONAL ACCESSION TO GATT (DECLARATION OF 9 AUG. 1973) FROM DEC. 31, 1975 TO DEC. 31, 1977. EXTENSION TO ALLOW PHILIPPINES TO COMPLETE PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR ACCESSION TO GENERAL AGREEMENT. RECOMMEND WE APPROVE.

10. PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA. L/4246 OF 7 NOV. POUCHED NOV. 10. TUNISIA ALSO HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF ITS PROVISIONAL ACCESSION (DECLARATION OF 12 NOV. 1959) TO DEC 31, 1977. EXTENSION NEEDED TO CORRECT DEFECTS IN CLASSIFICATION AND BREAKDOWN OF TARIFF HEADINGS IN JULY 1973 CUSTOMS TARIFF AND AMEND CUSTOM DUTY RATES TO MAKE THEM CONSISTENT WITH TUNISIAN ECONOMIC REALITY AND PROSPECTS UNDER TUNISIAN PLAN. STEPS NECESSARY BEFORE TUNISIA CAN ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION WITH VIEW TO DEFINITIVE ACCESSION TO GENERAL AGREEMENT. RECOMMEND WE APPROVE.

11. NEW ZEALAND - TARIFF FREE QUOTAS FOR HANDICRAFT PROTECTS. L/4249 OF 12 NOV. WILL BE POUCHED NOV. 14. FIRST ANNUAL REPORT ON NEW ZEALAND ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER THE ARTICLE 24:5 WAIVER GRANTED 13 NOV. 1973 TO PERMIT IT TO ESTABLISH DUTY-FREE QUOTAS FOR HAND-MADE HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS FROM FIJI, NAURU, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA. IMPORT UNDER SCHEME IN THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1975 AMOUNTED TO \$NZ100,000. NO GOVERNMENT HAS CLAIMED TO SUFFER INJURY OR HAS REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS. RECOMMEND WE APPROVE COUNCIL'S TAKING NOTE OF REPORT.

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12. STATUS OF PROTOCOLS. C/W/267 OF 5 NOV. 1975 POUCHED NOV. 7. THIS IS AN ANNUAL ITEM. ALL CPS EXCEPT FRANCE, GABON, AND SENEGAL HAVE ACCEPTED PROTOCOL AMENDING GENERAL AGREEMENT TO INTRODUCE PART IV. PROPOSAL IS THAT CPS EXTEND TO THEIR 32ND SESSION CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PROTOCOL. RECOMMEND WE APPROVE.

13. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION. L/4229 OF 23 OCT. 1975 POUCHED OCT. 27. SEE SEPTEL FOR HANDLING OF 1976 BUDGET SURPLUS.

14. REPORT OF COUNCIL. C/W/264 OF 16 OCT. 1975 POUCHED OCT. 17 AND ADD. 1 POUCHED 7 NOV. 1975. WE WILL HAVE COMMENTS ON THESE DOCUMENTS IN NEAR FUTURE. DALE UNQUOTEDALE

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